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### **MILLION DOLLAR CAR STOP**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on December 2, 2004, JESSE O. SAINZ, 11/28/68 of Las Vegas, Nevada, was sentenced to twenty four months by United States District Judge Neil Wake, in Phoenix, Arizona.

SAINZ had entered a plea of guilty on August 23, 2004 to Interstate Travel in Aid of a Racketeering Enterprise. In the plea agreement, SAINZ admitted he traveled in March of 2004 from the state of South Carolina to near Williams, Arizona with the intent to distribute the proceeds generated from the manufacture and distribution of a controlled substance. SAINZ was driving a truck that was towing an automobile trailer. Approximately \$1,107,630 in U.S. currency was concealed within the cab of the truck and hidden compartments within the truck and automobile trailer. The majority of the currency was hidden in compartments in the vehicles and was packaged in bundles which were wrapped in plastic bags.

The plastic bags contained marijuana residue. SAINZ admitted that he owned the truck and the automobile trailer and was aware of the presence of the currency.

The investigation in this case was conducted by special agents of the Criminal Investigation at the Internal Revenue Service, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Public Safety.

The prosecution was handled by Timothy T. Duax, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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